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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. **Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)**
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2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages **168**]
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 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets **28**]
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Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No. **09 596,627**

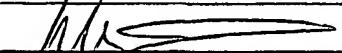
Prior application information:

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Group Art Unit: **3753**

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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June 30, 2003

REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Dear Sir:

CASE DOCKET NO. P97274-4

This is a request for filing a CONTINUATION-IN-PART patent application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of my co-pending Application Serial No. 09/596,627, filed 06/19/00, entitled "Fire Control Sprinkler System"; which was a continuation-in-part of my Application Serial No. 09/376,112, filed 02/01/99, entitled "Unitary Valve System", now abandoned; which was a continuation-in-part of my Application Serial No. 09/074,758, filed 05/08/98, entitled "Unitary Valve System", now abandoned. The present application is also related to and claims priority from my co-pending Provisional Application Serial No. 60/400,498, filed 08/01/02, entitled "FIRE CONTROL SPRINKLER RISER SYSTEM"; and the present application is related to my issued Patent No. 6,076,545, all of the above, by the following named inventor:

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Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27.
 Please use our Customer No. 28548 in connection with this application.

Enclosed is an acknowledgment postcard and:

- (1) Utility Patent Application Transmittal with forwarding letter (3 pages)
- (2) Specification (168 pages total)
 - (a) (48) Claims - 14 independent, 34 dependent
- (3) Declaration and Power of Attorney
- (4) Twenty-eight (28) Sheets Of Drawings

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.10 and 1.53, applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned a serial number and a filing date of June 30, 2003, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below.

FOR	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY	
BASIC FEE	-----	-----	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	-----	-----	-----	\$ 375.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	48 =	28 X	\$ 9	= \$ 252.00
INDEP CLAIMS	14 =	11 X	\$42	= \$ 462.00
			TOTAL	\$1,089.00

NO MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED.

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Respectfully submitted,



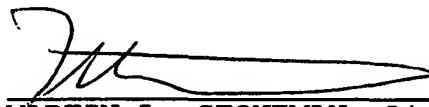
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